

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE STATE PUBLICATIONS CLEARINGHOUSE

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on April 14, 2008, at the State Library. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. The following people were present: Deborah Angelo, Susan Dunn, Greg Facincani, Betty Fitzgerald, Deborah Mongeau, and Julia Tryon.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Deborah Mongeau announced that URI has purchased a digital version of the Congressional Serial Set from Readex, a division of NewsBank. It contains documents from 1789 to 1980.

(see <http://www.newsbank.com/readex/product.cfm?product=9> for more product information). The general public can access the database at the URI library; faculty, staff and students have access within the library and remotely. It contains U.S. House and Senate documents and reports, but not 20th century hearings or the Congressional Record. The 18th and 19th century documents in the serial set are primarily government documents.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting were accepted as

submitted.

3. UPDATE ON CLEARINGHOUSE ACTIVITIES

- Tom has not appointed a new Advisory Committee member.**
- Greg was notified that the IT staff of RI.Gov are going to redesign the State Library website, and overall, the Secretary of State website to resemble the interface of RI.Gov. The State Library will maintain their server to capture Rhode Island electronic government documents. The new website may be up by the end of June. The domain name and address may be different than the current URL.**
- Greg is still capturing e-documents from state agency websites and continues to contact staff for information on new additions. The online Documents Officer registration will debut after the new website design is completed.**
- Senate Bill 2793 (changes to the Clearinghouse rules and regulations) was re-introduced and passed in the Senate and is now in the House Finance Committee.**
- The Karla Harry Library Commission legislation was introduced in the Senate, referred to the Education Committee, scheduled for a hearing and on April 2nd the Committee recommended the measure be held for further study.**

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Julia Tryon is conducting a survey of RI federal depository libraries per the request of the Chair of the CRIARL Board. The future of government documents in the state depository system is the focus of

the survey. The Providence Public Library has notified the Government Printing Office that they do not want to remain in the federal depository system. This information was reported in the Biennial Survey results published by the GPO. The CRIARL Board meets on April 25th to discuss the findings of the state survey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan E. Dunn

Secretary